

1 **Rule 3.5. Impartiality and Decorum of the Tribunal.**

2 A paralegal practitioner shall not:

3 (a) Seek to influence a judge or other official by means prohibited by law; or

4 (b) Communicate *ex parte* as to the merits of the case with a judge or court official during the
5 proceeding unless authorized to do so by law, rule or court order; or

6 (c) engage in conduct intended to disrupt a tribunal.

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8 Comment

9 [1] Many forms of improper influence upon a tribunal are proscribed by criminal law. Others are
10 specified in the Utah Code of Judicial Conduct, with which an advocate should be familiar. A
11 licensed paralegal practitioner is required to avoid contributing to a violation of such provisions.

12 [2] During a proceeding a licensed paralegal practitioner may not communicate *ex parte* with
13 persons serving in an official capacity in the proceeding, such as judges unless authorized to do
14 so by law, rule or court order.

15 [2a]-[5] Reserved.